

**SUGGESTED REMARKS**  
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**Grants and MOA Signing with Workplace**  
**Grantee and Partners**  
**Bohol**  
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*Maayong buntag ka ninyong tanan* (Good morning to all).

I am honored and delighted to join you in this meaningful event that marks the beginning of crucial partnerships for health between the public and private sectors in Central Visayas.

Let me commend the newest grantee under the USAID's Private Sector Mobilization for Family Health project or PRISM for their commitment to install Workplace Family Health Programs in different companies in Central Visayas.

BANGON or the Bohol Alliance of Non-Government Organizations, Inc. will install Family Welfare and Responsible Parenthood Programs in Major Private Companies, Small and Medium Enterprises, and Cooperatives in the Bohol Province. This initiative is expected to provide access to quality health services to more than 24,000 workers.

Complementing this undertaking with BANGON are valuable partnerships with other private and public organizations in Central Visayas, namely:

The Department of Labor and Employment's Regional Office 7, with its support to promote and protect the welfare of workers and their families through the Family Welfare Program);

The Occupational Health Nurses Association of the Philippines, Cebu Chapter, which is working closely with the DOLE in the implementation, monitoring,

and evaluation of work-based health programs including the Family Welfare Program;

The University of Cebu, a private institution willing to utilize its own resources, through its school of nursing, to be able to provide family health services to industrial workers by launching an industrial nursing internship program; and

With our continuing concern for the Filipino mothers and children, we welcome the partnership with the National Nutrition Council: its commitment to provide technical assistance, training services, and other relevant resources.

In support of your efforts, USAID, through the PRISM project, will provide technical assistance to contribute to the success of these programs.

I congratulate you all for a good start in public-private partnerships. I hope that, as you go through the challenges and rewards of working on this important health goal for the workplace, strong partnerships are developed between and among your organizations. Through such efforts, we can achieve our common goal of providing quality health services for the Filipino children, mothers and families.

I wish you all a wonderful day and good health.

*Daghang salamat* (Thank you very much) at Mabuhay tayong lahat!

